

ABSTRACT

An evaporator is provided having first and second independent evaporator coils. The evaporator is for use in a refrigerated display case, either open or closed, having a display length. Each of the evaporator coils is co-extensive along the display length. The evaporator coils are alternately defrosted and cooled in such a manner as to maintain a substantially constant cooling temperature throughout the refrigerated display case, even during a defrost cycle. An independent set of cooling fins is mounted to each of the evaporator coils for absorbing heat when a refrigerant, either liquid or gas, is circulated and evaporates in the evaporator coils, thus cooling the display case. A separate return is provided for each separate evaporator coil, though the two returns preferably join into a common return, thereby facilitating maintenance of a substantially constant cooling temperature.